

AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS

The attached new drawing sheets for FIGS. 1-16 are attached hereto. Original drawing sheets 1-16 have each been amended to designate "FIG. 1, FIG. 1A, FIG. 2, FIG. 2A..." for each of FIGS. 1-16. These amendments to FIGS. 1-16 are reflected in new sheets 1-16. These new sheets 1-16, which include FIGS. 1-16, replace the original sheets that included FIGS. 1-16. The amendments to the drawings are further discussed in the *Remarks* section of this Paper.

Attachments: New Sheets 1-16
Annotated Sheets 1-16

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-19, 21, 23-40, 42-57, 59 and 60 are pending in this application.

OFFICE ACTION

(1) The Office Action has required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372:

Group I, Claims 1-15, 21 and 23-29, drawn to a system for loading and unloading cargo.

Group II, Claims 16-19, 30-40, 42-49 and 59-60, drawn to a system for loading and unloading cargo.

Group III, Claims 50-57, drawn to a conveyor.

Applicant respectfully traverses the election requirement. However, to be fully responsive, Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-15, 21 and 23-29.

(2) The Office Action has additionally required that an election of species be made under 35 U.S.C. § 121 from the claims drawn to the loading/unloading system of Group I.

Applicant respectfully traverses the election requirement. However, to be fully responsive to the requirement, Applicant hereby elects the following species:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Figures</u>	<u>Claims</u>
1	1-17	1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 21 and 23-29

Claims 1, 2, 5, 8, and 9 read on at least FIGS. 1-16 while claims 21 and 23-29 read on at least FIG. 17. Applicant further submits that claims 3 and 4 read on at least FIGS. 7-9 and 13-16. Moreover, Applicant submits that claims 6, 7, and 10-15 read on at least FIGS. 1-4, 6-9, 11 and 15.

According to the M.P.E.P. § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it may include claims to independent or distinct inventions.

Applicant respectfully submits that the examination of the entire application, including claims 1-60 and FIGS. 1-25, would not be a serious burden on the Examiner. This is particularly so because the Examiner has not provided reasons why the examination of all the species would be a serious burden. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the elections requirement be withdrawn and that all claimed species be examined in this application. If Examiner chooses to maintain the election requirement however, Applicant expects Examiner, if the elected species is found allowable, to continue to examine the full scope of the elected subject matter to the extent necessary to the patentability thereof, *i.e.*, extending the search to a reasonable number of non-elected species, as is the duty according to M.P.E.P. § 803.02 and 35 U.S.C. §121.

Furthermore, Applicant has paid a filing fee for an examination of all claims in this application. If the Examiner refuses to examine the claims paid for when this application was filed, Applicant must pay duplicative fees to file divisional applications for the non-elected or withdrawn groups of claims. In conclusion, the Examiner has not shown that there would be a serious burden on the Examiner if the restriction were not made.

DRAWINGS

New, clean sheets for FIGS. 1-16 have been submitted for consideration. As discussed in connection with the *Amendments to Drawings* section of this Paper, and as designated on the Annotated Sheets attached hereto, original FIGS. 1-16 have been amended to designate "FIG. 1, FIG. 1A, FIG. 2, FIG. 2A..." for each of FIGS. 1-16.

No new matter is added by the aforementioned amendments. Each of the requested amendments is fully supported by the Specification and Drawings, will not require an additional search, and does not raise new issues. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

SPECIFICATION

The specification has been revised to amend the Brief Description of Drawings for FIGS. 1-16 to reference the amendments to FIGS. 1-16. No further elaboration is believed necessary and entrance of these amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

No fee is due in connection with the submission of this amendment. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

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Fig. 1

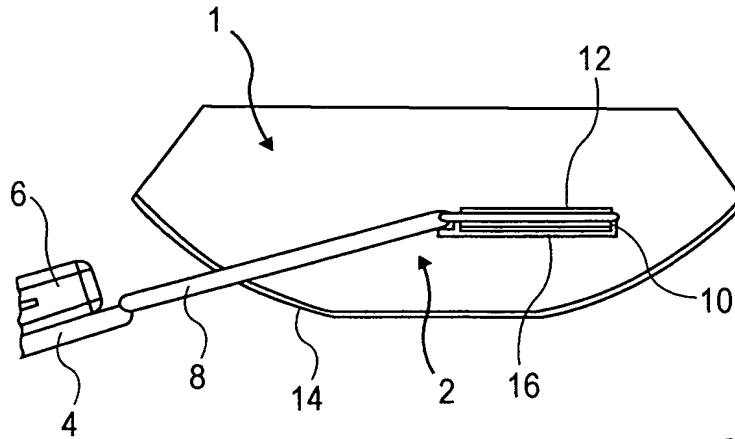


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Fig. 1A

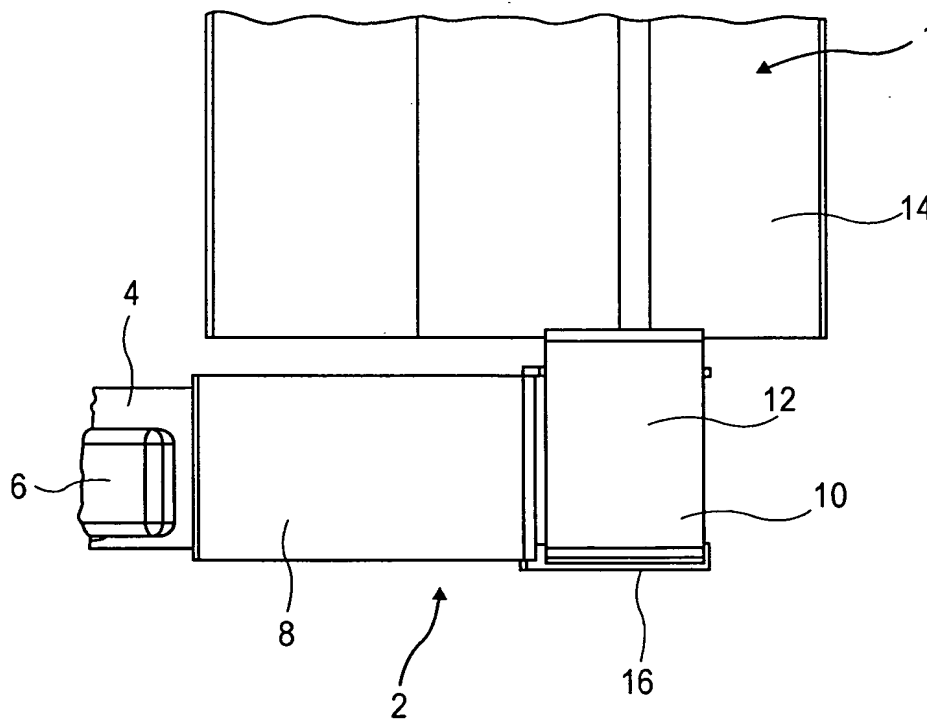




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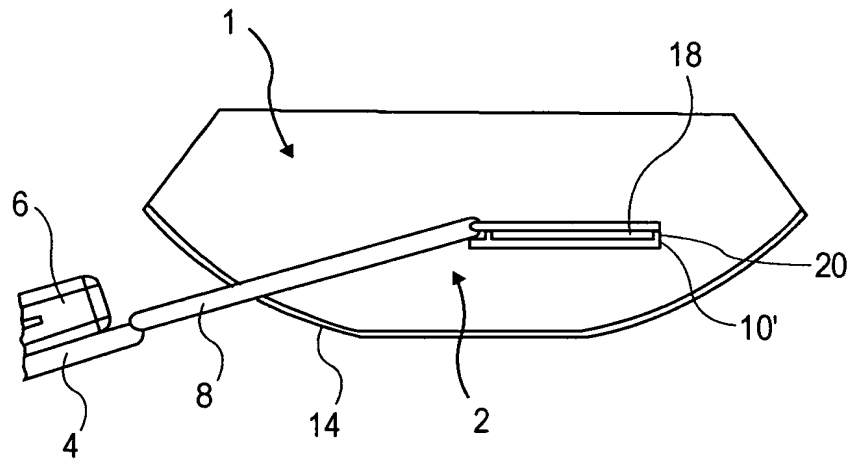
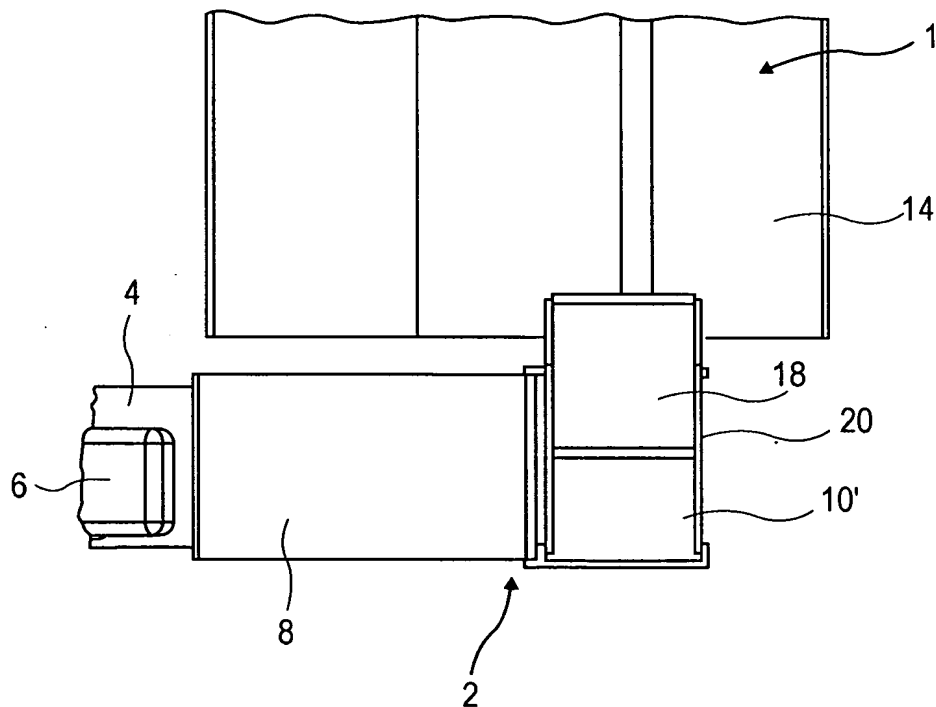


Fig. 2A - *Figure designated 2A*





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Fig. 3

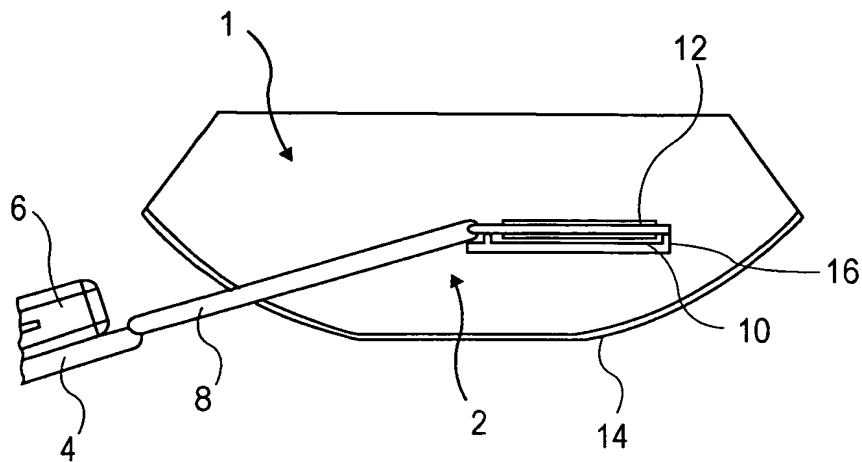
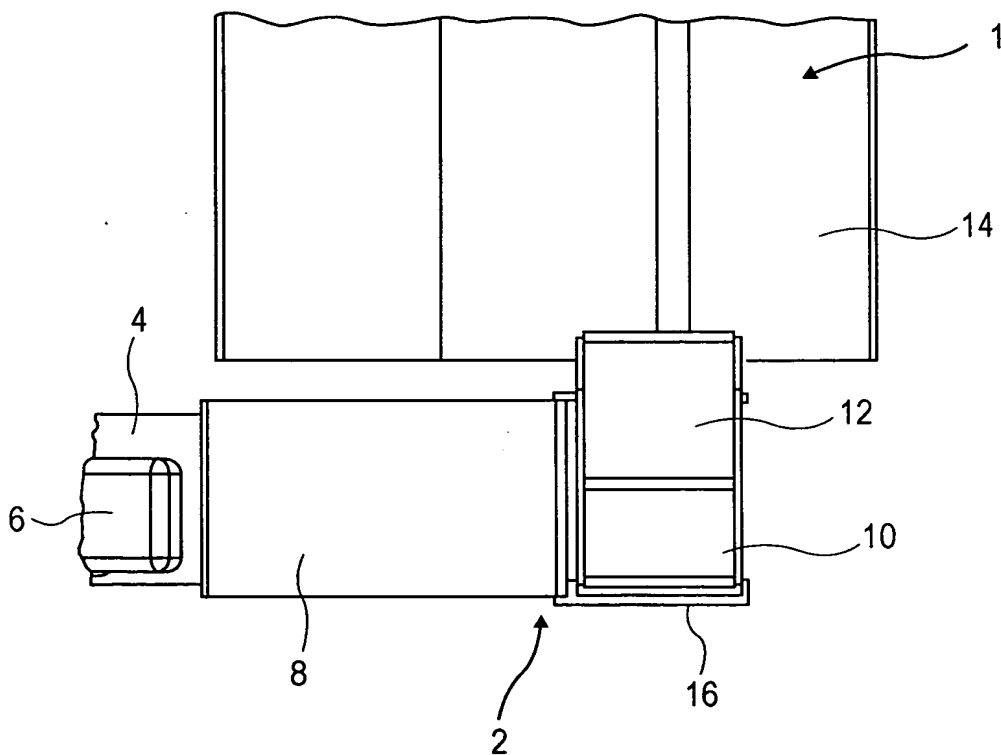


Fig. 3A

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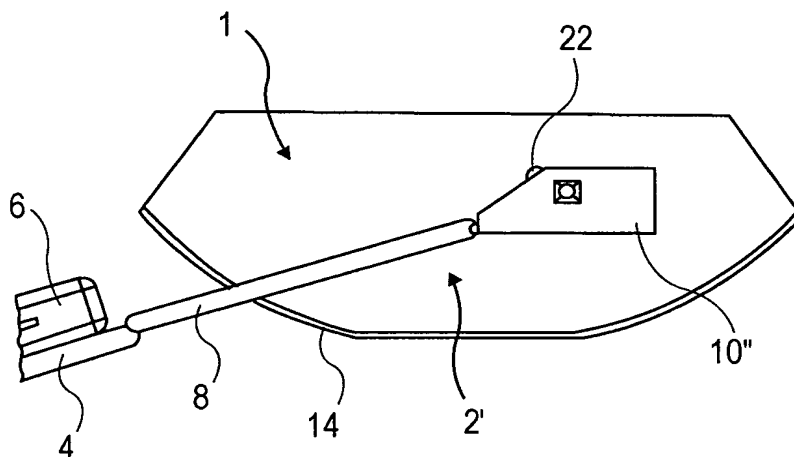
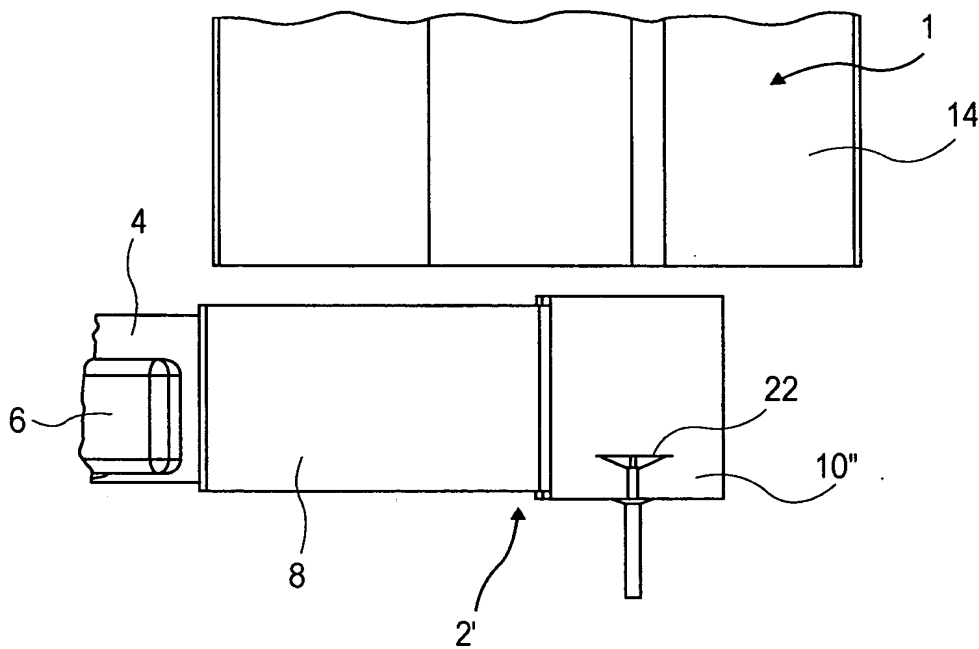


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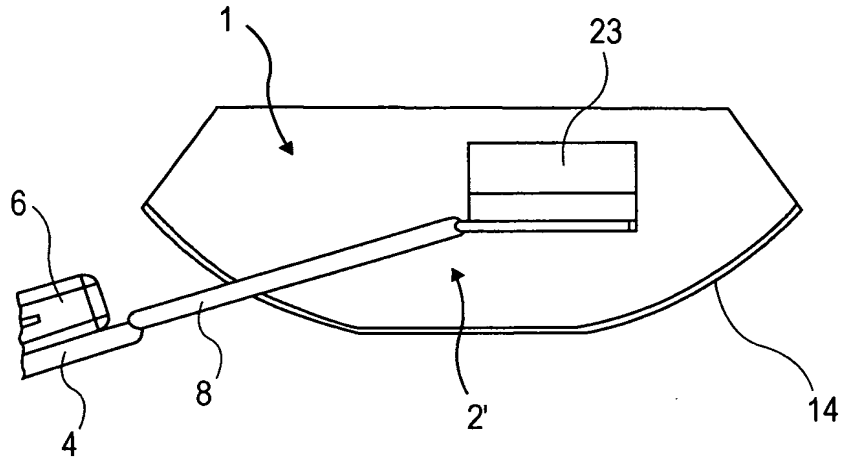
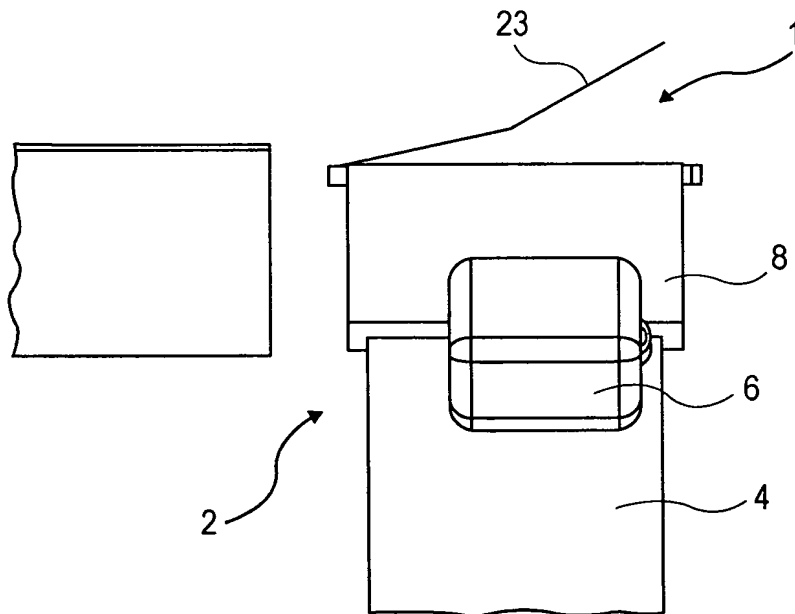


Fig. 5A *Figure designated 5A*





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Fig. 6

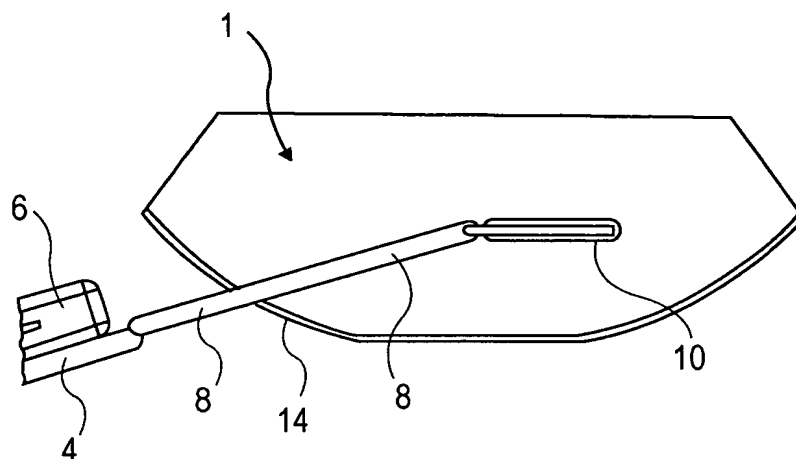
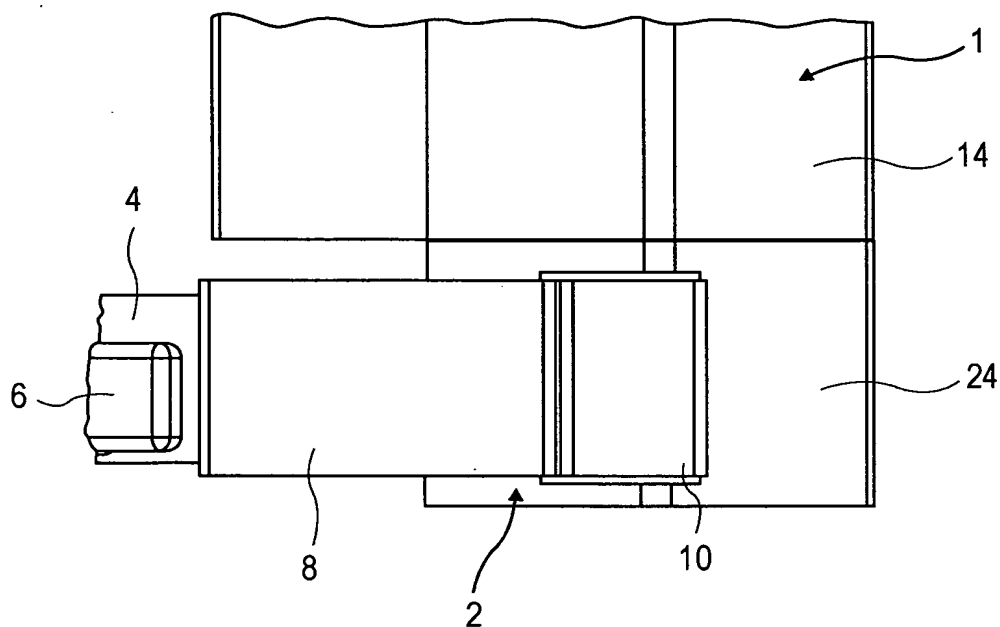
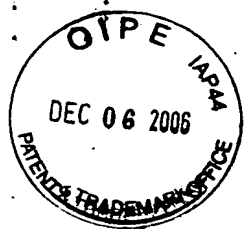


Fig. 6A

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Fig. 7

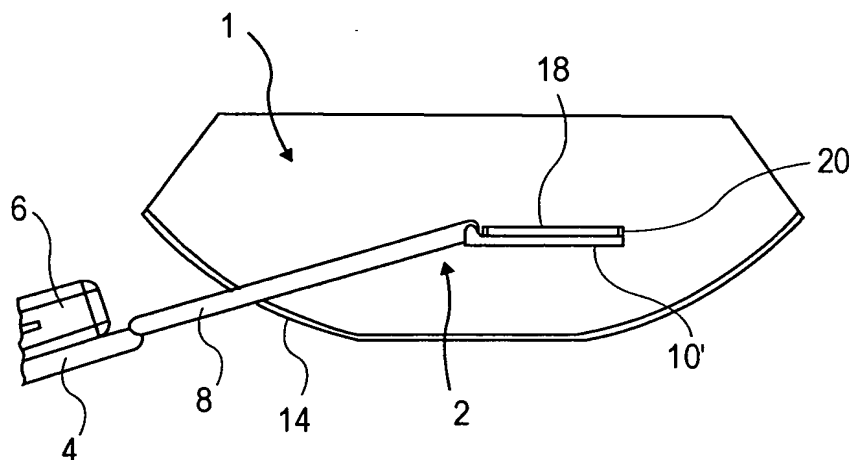
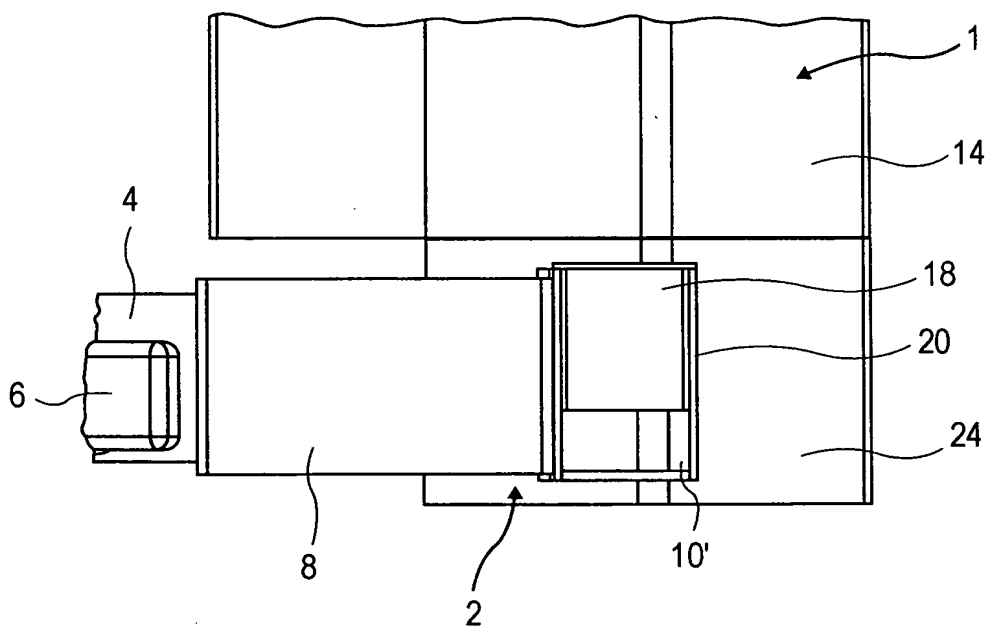


Fig. 7A

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Fig. 8

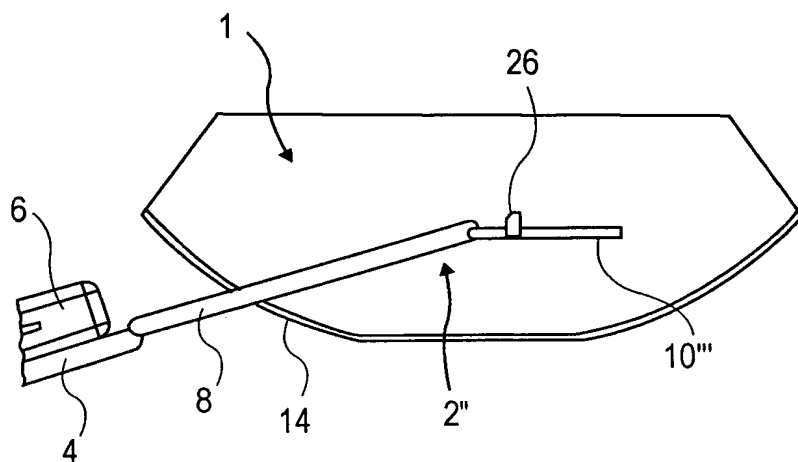
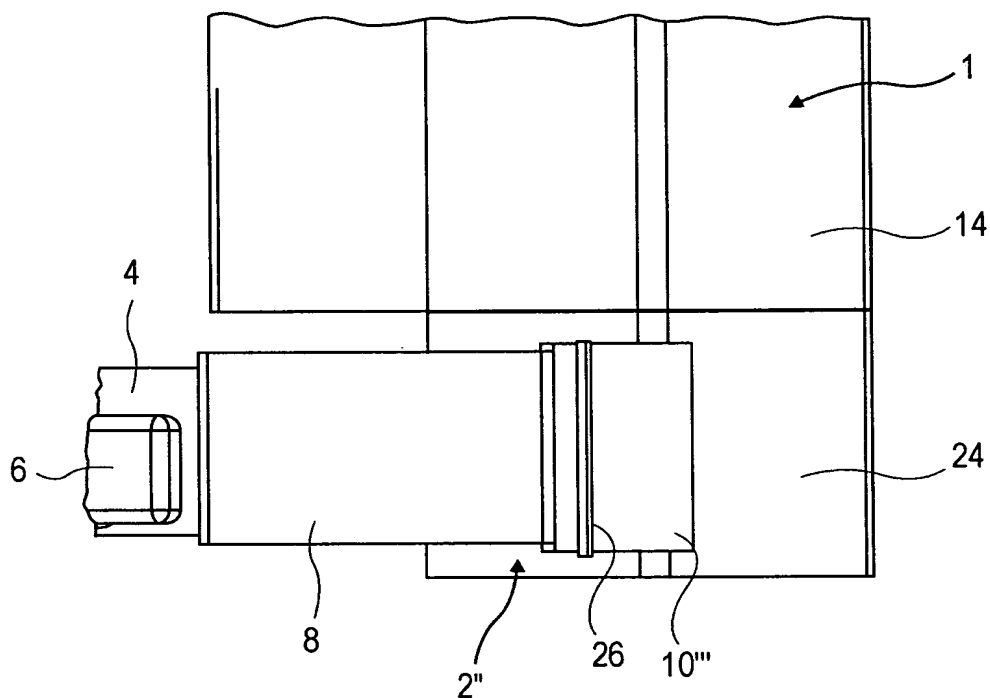


Fig. 8A

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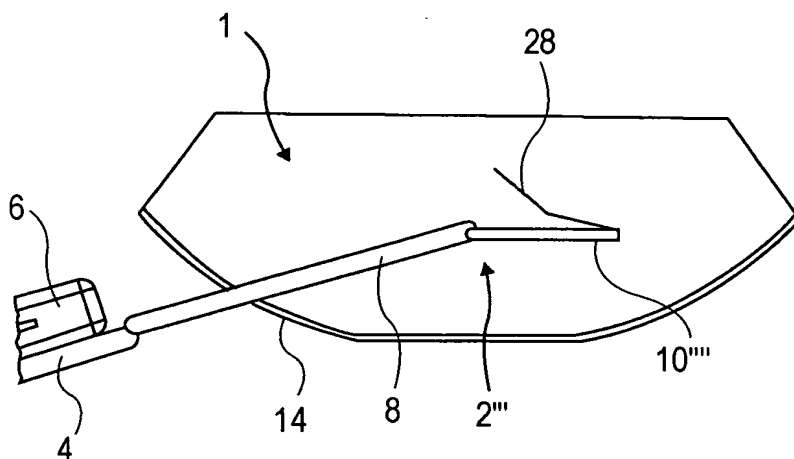


Fig. 9A

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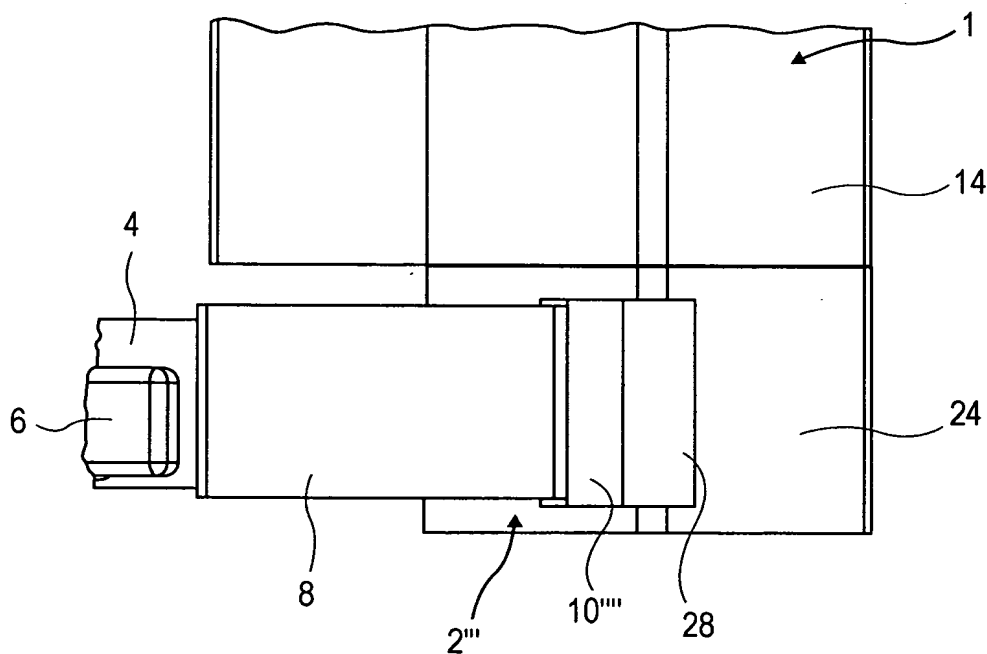




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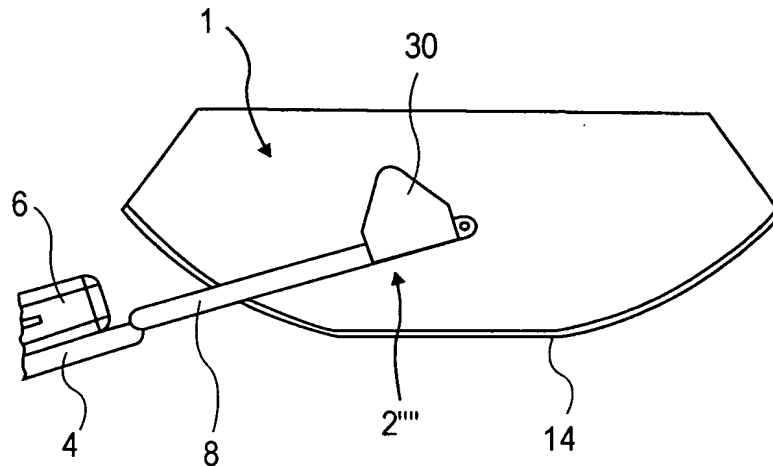
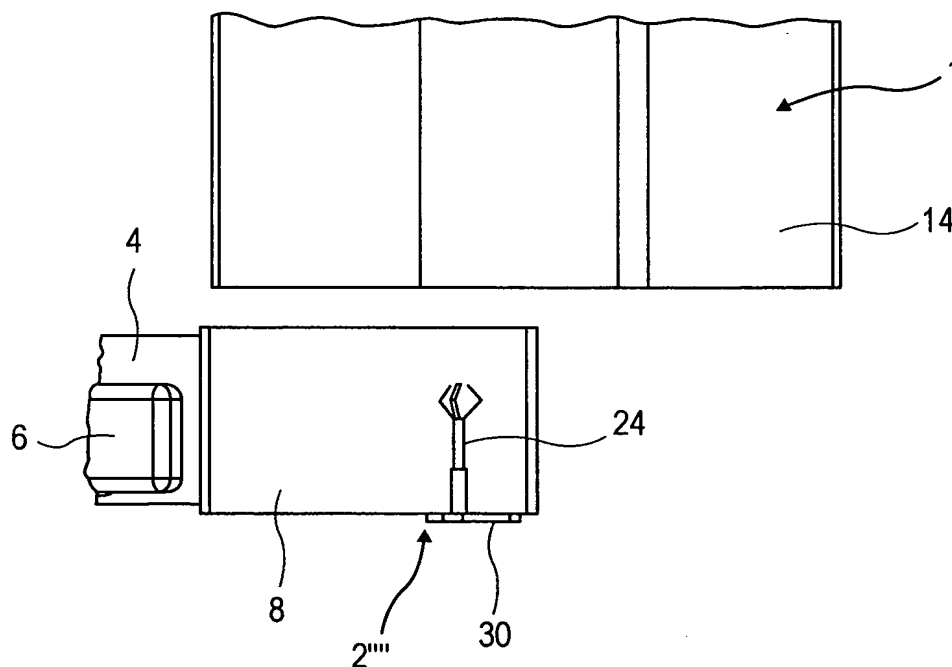


Fig. 10A

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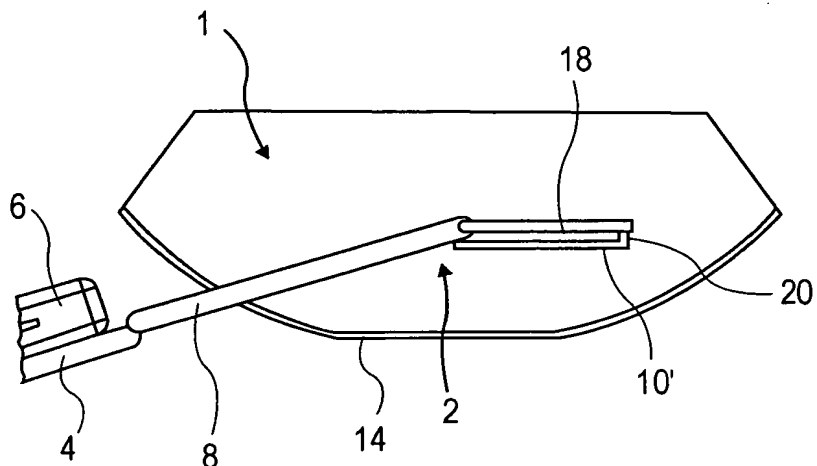
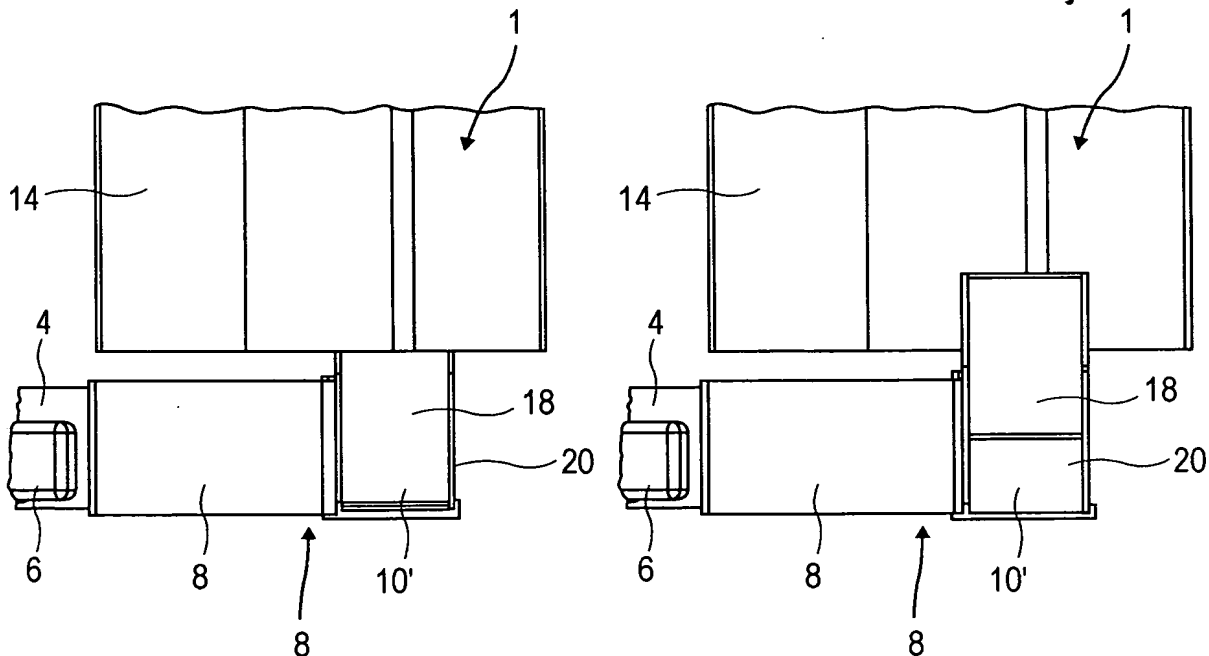


Fig. 11A

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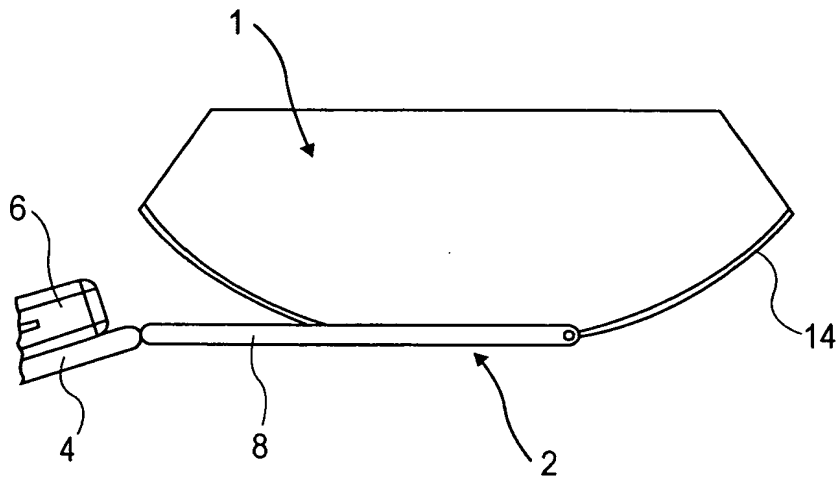


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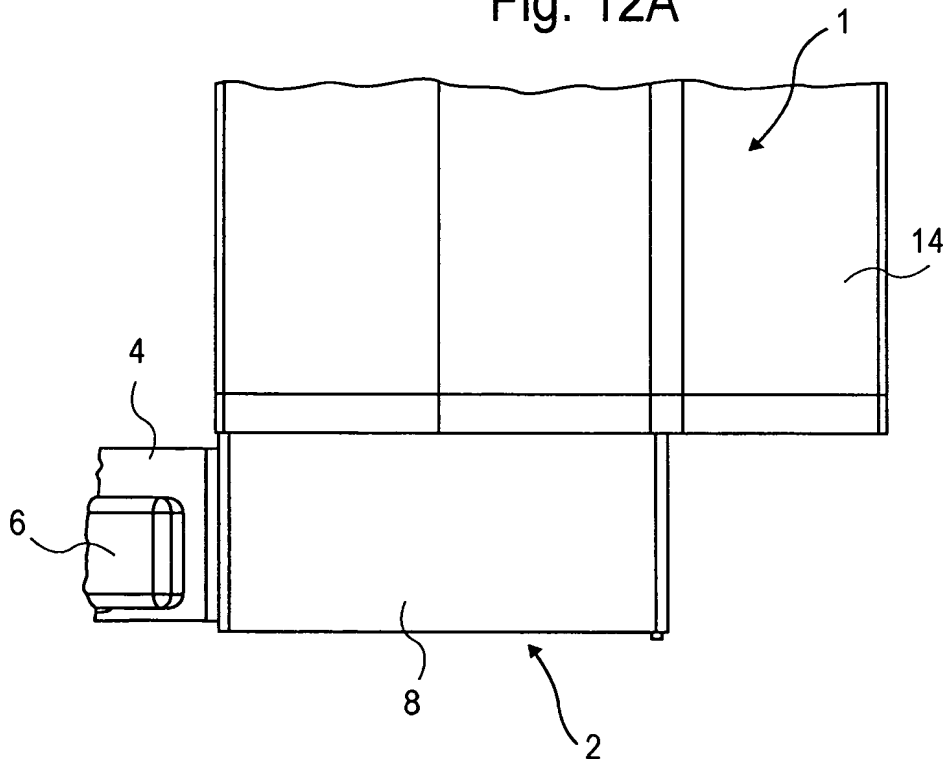




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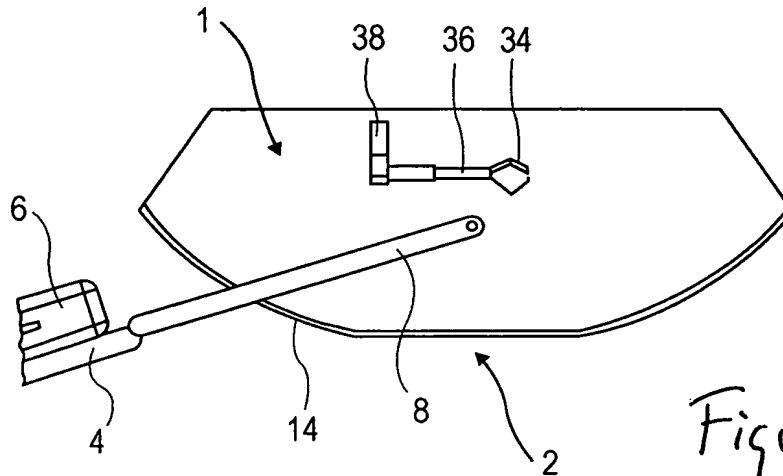
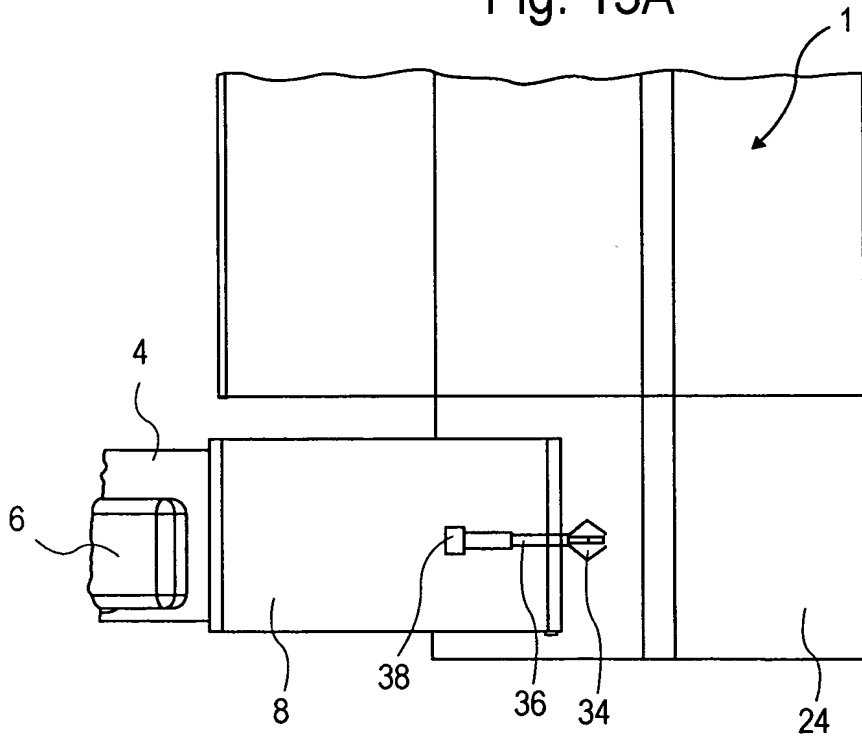


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Fig. 13A





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Fig. 14

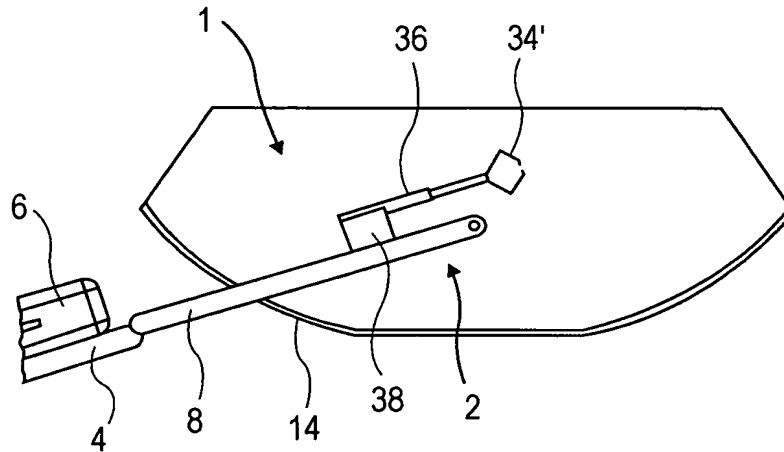


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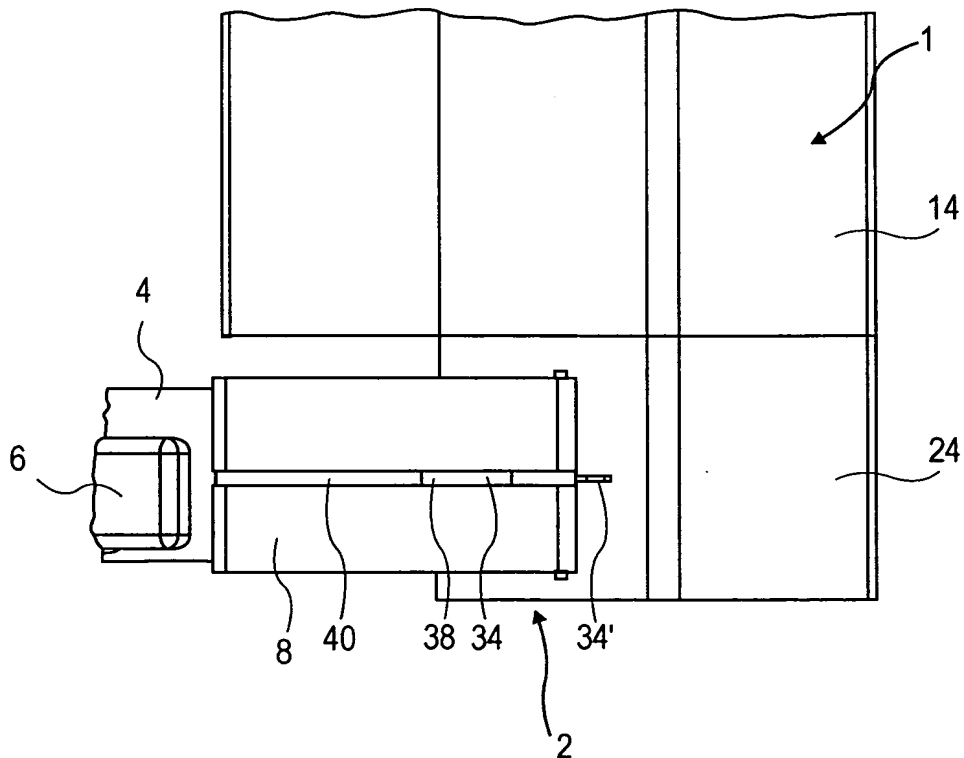




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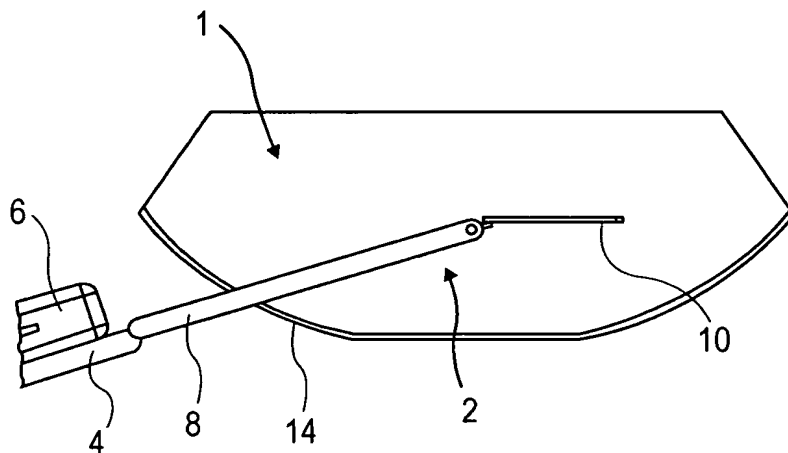
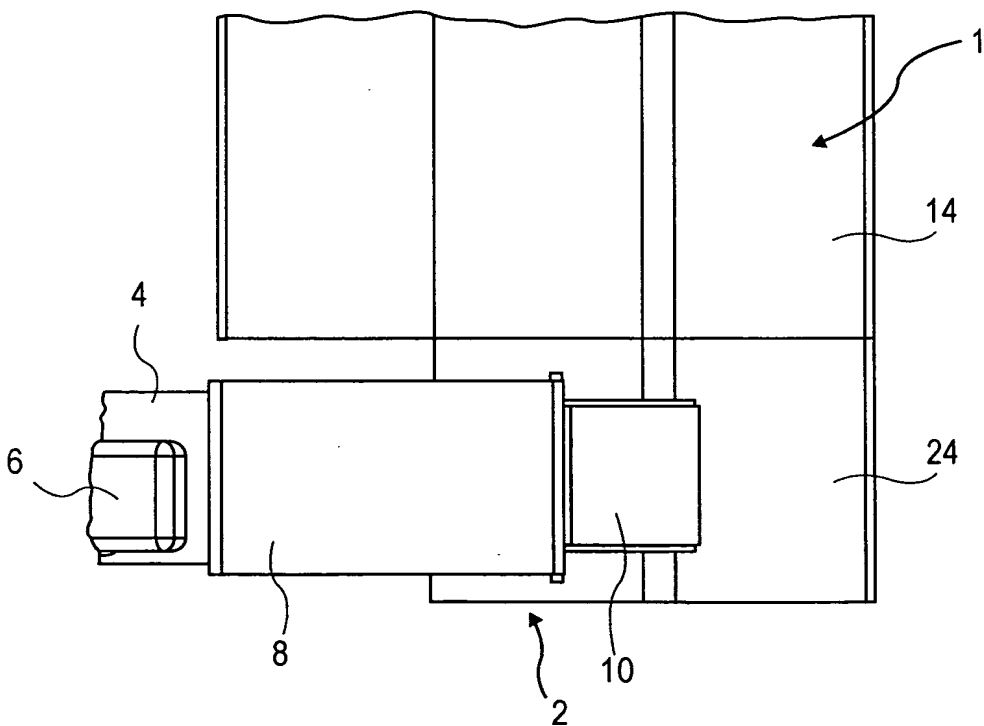


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Fig. 16

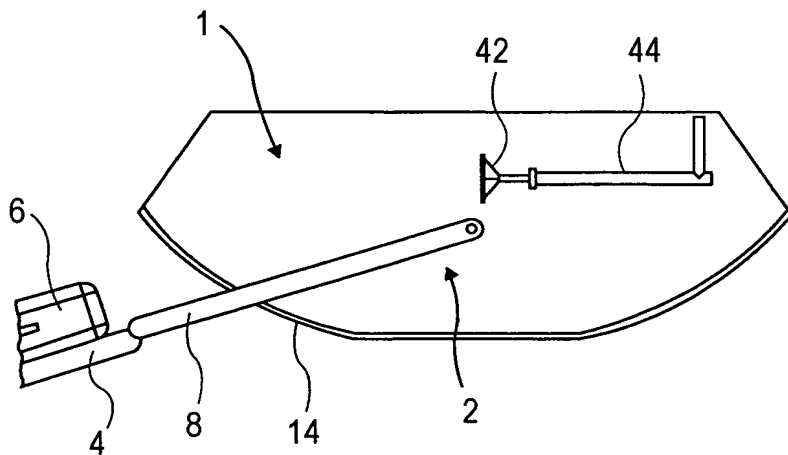


Fig. 16A

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